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Delimitation Equity Project

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Total Budget: \$269,750 Expenses Recorded to Date: \$99,814

Results Summary

In Q2 FY 05, IFES achieved the following results:

- IFES created a training package for the Delimitation Project which included an in country training session, as well as web-linked content for individuals which can be distributed by CD or online
- IFES finalized the case study for Yemen and created case studies for Malaysia, Singapore, Fiji, and Germany.
- IFES finalized the paper on the comparative practices of delimitation worldwide which will help develop a standard framework for delimitation exercises.

Background

The Delimitation Equity Project has four goals:

- Establishment of a web-based body of global research on delimitation and redistricting law and best practice.
- Development of a draft delimitation standards framework for consideration by electoral associations, inter-governmental organizations, and civil society groups. Follow-up with a plan to place the standards issue on the agenda of upcoming electoral meetings.
- Development of a planning and implementation tool kit for delimitation undertakings. A technical assistance mission was conducted to develop this tool kit.
- Development of a methodology and training manual for political parties and civil society organizations to monitor delimitation processes. A monitoring mission will be conducted to develop methodology and curricula.

Activities

During Q2 FY05, IFES completed the following activities:

- IFES created case studies for Germany, Singapore, Malaysia, Kosovo, and Fiji. The US and the UK are in the final development stage.
- IFES has created a Comparative Practices Paper in order to establish a draft delimitations standards framework.
- IFES has created a paper on Methodologies for Monitoring the Delimitation Process.
- The action plans, case studies, comparative practices paper, and monitoring methodologies paper form the basis for the tool-kit for delimitation undertakings
- IFES has developed an interactive CD-Rom and internet-based training package and methodology based on the tool kit. This final package will, depending on the country, be geared toward government officials, civil society groups, election observers, and other parties with a stake in understanding the process of constituency delimitation
- IFES has created a mock delimitation exercise for the training session which will allow participants to experience the technical aspects of a delimitation exercise and raise questions which would not otherwise come up until the actual delimitation.
- IFES, with the support of USAID in Washington DC, tried to secure support training session in Uganda, Kenya, and the Caribbean.

Activities Planned for Next Quarter

- IFES will conduct two training session using the completed package. The training sessions will be held in two countries with a demonstrable need for delimitation training.
- IFES will seek USAID Mission support for training sessions in Tanzania and Azerbaijan. Since this package was expressly designed for translation into multiple languages the selection of English and non-English speaking countries will help stress test the material.
- IFES will create a survey form to evaluate the pre-training knowledge of delimitation within the local electoral commissions. This survey will allow IFES to estimate the impact of the training and adjust accordingly by following up after the training.
- Following the training sessions, IFES will revise the material in the package based on the suggestions of the attendees and trainers.
- This refined training package will be made available to other IFES projects and field offices with a delimitation component.